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[May not be taken with Subject 217 (English).]

Chaucer and Shakespeare Texts. See note under Subject 217 (English).

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The syllabus, which was revised for 1965 and amended for 1966, has been further amended as shown below, the purpose of the further amendment being to make it possible for candidates to offer **either** Shakespeare or Chaucer or both.

One paper of 2½ hours comprising three sections as follows:

Section A.

A Shakespeare play.

A Chaucer text.

Section B.

A Chaucer text.

An anthology of narrative poetry.

A novel.

A play.

Section C.

Two novels.

A non-fiction prose work.

A play.

An anthology of poetry.

In Section A one textual question and two essay questions will be set on each book. The textual questions on Shakespeare and on Chaucer will be grouped together in Question 1 and will be set as follows:

Four passages, (a)–(d), from the Shakespeare play and four passages, (e)–(h), from the Chaucer text, with questions on each passage. Candidates will be required to answer on three passages taken **either** from (a)–(d) or from (e)–(h). The questions on the passages may require candidates to explain words and phrases, to re-write passages in modern English and/or to relate an extract to the work as a whole.

In Section B three essay questions will be set on each book. Candidates who offer the Chaucer text in Section A may not offer it in Section B. Candidates who offer the Chaucer text in Section B will answer 'essay' questions only, and may not attempt the textual questions set in Section A.

In Section C two essay questions will be set on each book.

Candidates will be required to answer five questions as follows:

The textual question (Qu. 1) and one other question (on either book) in Section A; and **either** three questions on at least **two** books in Section B or three questions on **three** books in Section C.

The prescribed texts for 1967 are:

Section A.

Shakespeare, *The Merchant of Venice* or *Richard II*;

Chaucer, ²*The Franklin's Tale* (ed. Hodgson, Athlone Press). Candidates will not be expected to have knowledge of the astrological details referred to in lines 349–50 and 565–86, and questions will not be set on these lines.

Section B.

Chaucer, ²*The Franklin's Tale* (ed. Hodgson, Athlone Press), omissions as above;

An *Anthology of Longer Poems* (ed. Moles and Moon, Longmans), the following poems to be studied: *The Deserted Village*, *Resolution and Independence*, *Christabel*, *The Lotos-Eaters*, *A Grammarian's Funeral*, *Sohrab and Rustum*, *The Lodestar*;

Dickens, *Great Expectations*;

Shaw, ¹*St Joan* (omitting the Preface).

Section C.

Trollope, *The Warden*;

Short Stories of our Time (ed. Barnes, Harrap);

Gavin Maxwell, ¹*Ring of Bright Water* (Longmans Heritage of Literature Series);

Shaw, ¹*St Joan* (omitting the Preface);

¹*Rhyme and Reason* (ed. R. O'Malley and D. Thompson, Chatto and Windus).